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Letter dated 11 April 2003 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to inform you that, further to my letter dated 15 January 2003 (S/2003/49), and following further consultations with the Government of Liberia on the revised mandate to be implemented by the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia (UNOL), I have now received the concurrence of the Government of Liberia to the mandate.

In finalizing the draft revised mandate (see annex), consideration was given to the capacity-building needs of the Government in the areas of human rights and the conduct of elections and, as a consequence, articles (d) and (f) were modified accordingly.

I should be grateful if you would bring the enclosed draft mandate to the attention of the members of the Security Council. Should the Council approve this mandate, a strengthening of UNOL will be needed.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex

Draft revised mandate of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Liberia

(a) To provide, as appropriate, good offices and other services to defuse tensions through promoting national reconciliation and resolution of conflicts, including through support for initiatives on the ground;

(b) To support the Government of Liberia in the implementation of the peace agreements to be adopted;

(c) To monitor the political and security situation in Liberia and report thereon;

(d) To enhance respect for human rights in Liberia, including through constructive dialogue with the Government of Liberia, with particular attention to strengthening the Government's capacity in this domain and providing human rights training for the security agencies;

(e) To offer assistance to the Liberian authorities and to the public for strengthening democratic institutions and the rule of law, including the promotion of an independent press and an enabling environment for political parties to operate freely in Liberia;

(f) To contribute to the preparation of free and fair elections in 2003, while helping to promote the independence of the Elections Commission;

(g) To promote dialogue between the Government of Liberia, the United Nations and the international community at large on matters relating to peace and security in Liberia;

(h) To develop, in close cooperation with the United Nations country team and other international partners, a peace-building strategy for Liberia in which political objectives, programme assistance and human rights considerations are fully integrated;

(i) To mobilize national and international political support for such a strategy and monitor its implementation so as to ensure its continued relevance to Liberia's post-conflict peace-building priorities;

(j) To provide substantive support and backup as appropriate to the United Nations Office in West Africa, in particular pertaining to developments in the Mano River Union subregion as they relate to Liberia;

(k) To engage in an educational campaign to present accurately United Nations policies and activities regarding Liberia;

(l) To develop and implement, in cooperation with the Government, sensitization/information strategies and programmes to facilitate the implementation of (a) and (g) above.